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1. DELHI PRESS REPORTED NEWS CONFERENCE OF NEPALI CONGRESS LEADER G.P. KOIRALA MAY 16 IN WHICH HE ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR APEACEFUL, NON-VIOLENT STRUGGLE IN NEPAL. THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF THE DETAINED FORMER PRIME IMINISTER OF NEPAL SAID THAT THE STRUGGLE WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THE MOVEMENTS LED BY J.P. NARAYAN IN INDIA AND BY MAHATMA GANDHI DURING THE BRITISH REGIME. DEMONSTRATIONS, PUBLIC MEETINGS, AND PICKETING WOULD BE ORGANIZED, AND VOLUNTEERS WOULD COURT ARREST THROUGHOUT NEPAL. G.P. KOIRALA SAID THAT OVER 10,000 WORKERS ARE EXPECTED TO OFFER "SATYAGRAH". THE NEPALI CONGRESS, HE SAID, IS DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS, WITHDRJWAL OF WARRANTS AGAINST PERSONS NOW IN VOLUNTARY EXILE IN INDIA, AND RESTORATION OF CIVIL LIBERTIES AND DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS.

2. KOIRALA REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE NEPALI CONGRESS FAVORED A CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY AS IN BRITAIN. HE CLAIMED THAT THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN NEPAL WAS DETERIORATING RAPIDLY, WITH ABOUT 1,100 POLITICAL WORKERS BELONGING TO THE NEPALI CONGRESS IMPRISONED.
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ABOUT 170 HAVE BEEN MISSING SINCE 1968, AND AS MANY AS 22 OF THEM ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN SHOT WHILE BEING TRANSFERRED FROM ONE JAIL TO ANOTHER. WHILE HE DID NOT WANT INDIANS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE "SATYAGRAH" IN NEPAL, KOIRALA SAID THAT PUBLIC OPINION IN INDIA SHOULD BE MOBILIZED IN FAVOR OF THE NEPALI STRUGGLE.

3. COMMENTING ON THE RECENT VISIT OF THE JANATA
PARTY PRESIDENT, CHANDRA SHEKHAR, TO NEPAL, KOIRALA SAID
THAT THE SITUATION HAD WORSENER AFTER HIS VISIT, WITH HUNDREDS
OF STUDENTS HAVING BEEN ARRESTED. KOIRALA REPORTEDLY
NOTED THAT NOT A SINGLE MEMBER OF EITHER OF THE TWO
NEPALESE COMMUNIST PARTIES (ONE PRO-CHINESE, THE OTHER
PRO-RUSSIAN) HAD BEEN DETAINED. HE ACCUSED BOTH
PARTIES OF SUPPORTING THE KING.SCHNEIDER

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